

SENATE RESOLUTION 2
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A RESOLUTION to commend Dr. Ron Townsend for his honorable and astute service to Oak Ridge, Tennessee and to congratulate him upon receiving the 2004 "Muddy Boot Award."

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ron Townsend is one such estimable person who holds the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; he has recently been selected to receive the 2004 "Muddy Boot Award" presented during the annual meeting of the East Tennessee Economic Council (ETEC); and

WHEREAS each year, the "Muddy Boot Award" is given to honor those individuals who have helped build the economic bases of their communities; this award was started in 1973 by the founders of the Roane Anderson Economic Council (now ETEC) to reflect the Manhattan Project founders of Oak Ridge who worked through adverse conditions to build the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Townsend is a highly respected member of the Oak Ridge community, and he has long served the people of Oak Ridge through his loyal service as president of Oak Ridge Associated Universities; he also provides exemplary service as Director of the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education for the U.S. Department of Energy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Townsend gained his excellent leadership skills through his service as Commandant of the Air Force Institute of Technology located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; he loyally served 24 years with the U.S. Air Force in various positions, including Director of Weather Operations for Air Combat Command, Chief of Weather Plans for the Air Force at

the Pentagon, and as a staff meteorologist contributing to the operation and design of classified national space programs; and

WHEREAS, along with his exemplary service in the military, Dr. Townsend has distinguished himself as a dedicated professional, public-spirited citizen of the highest order, and as an exceptional asset to his country as a Senior Research Fellow at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, in addition to receiving the “Muddy Boot Award,” Dr. Ron Townsend also accepted the gavel as the new Chairman of ETEC from the previous Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Townsend is an extremely ambitious person who epitomizes the characteristics needed to win the “Muddy Boot Award,” one who reaches out to his community with the necessary ideals to make it a prosperous and thriving place for all who reside therein; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ron Townsend is wholly committed to the noble precept of contributing leadership through the development and implementation of ideas, and has confirmed repeatedly what it means to struggle through adverse conditions for the good of one’s community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Dr. Ron Townsend for his honorable and astute service to the good people of East Tennessee, congratulate him upon his reception as the recipient of the 2004 “Muddy Boot Award,” and salute his unswerving commitment to leadership and the advancement of his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.